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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROVIDING A FIXED RELIEF TOUCH
SCREEN WITH LOCATING FEATURES
USING DEFORMABLE HAPTIC SURFACES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus for an electronic interface device capable of providing a fixed relief touch screen with locating features using deformable haptic surfaces are disclosed. The device, in one embodiment, includes a haptic mechanism and a touch-sensitive surface. The haptic mechanism provides haptic feedback in response to an activating command. The touch-sensitive surface is capable of changing its surface texture from a first surface characteristic to a second surface characteristic in response to the haptic feedback. For example, the first surface characteristic may be coarse texture while the second surface characteristic may be smooth texture.

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